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A BILL

To amend sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 4765.30, 1
4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 2
4766.01 of the Revised Code regarding the scope 3
of emergency medical services provided by 4
emergency medical service personnel. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 4765.30, 6
4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 4766.01 of the 7
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 4765.01. As used in this chapter: 9

(A) "First responder" means an individual who holds a 10
current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the 11
Revised Code to practice as a first responder. 12

(B) "Emergency medical technician-basic" or "EMT-basic" 13
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 14
issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as 15
an emergency medical technician-basic. 16

(C) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" or "EMT-I" 17
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 18

issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as
an emergency medical technician-intermediate. 19
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(D) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" or 21
"paramedic" means an individual who holds a current, valid 22
certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to 23
practice as an emergency medical technician-paramedic. 24

(E) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is used, or 25
is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to 26
emergency medical situations, transporting emergency patients, 27
and administering emergency medical service to patients before, 28
during, or after transportation. 29

(F) "Cardiac monitoring" means a procedure used for the 30
purpose of observing and documenting the rate and rhythm of a 31
patient's heart by attaching electrical leads from an 32
electrocardiograph monitor to certain points on the patient's 33
body surface. 34

(G) "Emergency medical service" means any of the services 35
~~described in sections 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39 of~~ 36
~~the Revised Code that are performed by first responders,~~ 37
emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical 38
technicians-intermediate, and paramedics are authorized to 39
perform pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of 40
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under 41
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. "Emergency medical service" 42
includes such services performed before or during any transport 43
of a patient, including transports between hospitals and 44
transports to and from helicopters. 45

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means a 46
public or private organization using first responders, EMTs- 47

basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or a combination of first 48
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide 49
emergency medical services. 50

(I) "Physician" means an individual who holds a current, 51
valid license issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code 52
authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic 53
medicine and surgery. 54

(J) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a 55
current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised 56
Code authorizing the practice of nursing as a registered nurse. 57

(K) "Volunteer" means a person who provides services 58
either for no compensation or for compensation that does not 59
exceed the actual expenses incurred in providing the services or 60
in training to provide the services. 61

(L) "Emergency medical service personnel" means first 62
responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 63
medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians- 64
paramedic, and persons who provide medical direction to such 65
persons. 66

(M) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 67
of the Revised Code. 68

(N) "Trauma" or "traumatic injury" means severe damage to 69
or destruction of tissue that satisfies both of the following 70
conditions: 71

(1) It creates a significant risk of any of the following: 72

(a) Loss of life; 73

(b) Loss of a limb; 74

(c) Significant, permanent disfigurement;	75
(d) Significant, permanent disability.	76
(2) It is caused by any of the following:	77
(a) Blunt or penetrating injury;	78
(b) Exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive energy;	79 80
(c) Drowning, suffocation, or strangulation;	81
(d) A deficit or excess of heat.	82
(O) "Trauma victim" or "trauma patient" means a person who has sustained a traumatic injury.	83 84
(P) "Trauma care" means the assessment, diagnosis, transportation, treatment, or rehabilitation of a trauma victim by emergency medical service personnel or by a physician, nurse, physician assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, chiropractor, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, or psychologist licensed to practice as such in this state or another jurisdiction.	85 86 87 88 89 90 91
(Q) "Trauma center" means all of the following:	92
(1) Any hospital that is verified by the American college of surgeons as an adult or pediatric trauma center;	93 94
(2) Any hospital that is operating as an adult or pediatric trauma center under provisional status pursuant to section 3727.101 of the Revised Code;	95 96 97
(3) Until December 31, 2004, any hospital in this state that is designated by the director of health as a level II pediatric trauma center under section 3727.081 of the Revised Code;	98 99 100 101

(4) Any hospital in another state that is licensed or designated under the laws of that state as capable of providing specialized trauma care appropriate to the medical needs of the trauma patient.	102 103 104 105
(R) "Pediatric" means involving a patient who is less than sixteen years of age.	106 107
(S) "Adult" means involving a patient who is not a pediatric patient.	108 109
(T) "Geriatric" means involving a patient who is at least seventy years old or exhibits significant anatomical or physiological characteristics associated with advanced aging.	110 111 112
(U) "Air medical organization" means an organization that provides emergency medical services, or transports emergency victims, by means of fixed or rotary wing aircraft.	113 114 115
(V) "Emergency care" and "emergency facility" have the same meanings as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.	116 117
(W) "Stabilize," except as it is used in division (B) of section 4765.35 of the Revised Code with respect to the manual stabilization of fractures, has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.	118 119 120 121
(X) "Transfer" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.	122 123
(Y) "Firefighter" means any member of a fire department as defined in section 742.01 of the Revised Code.	124 125
(Z) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 146.01 of the Revised Code.	126 127
(AA) "Part-time paid firefighter" means a person who	128

provides firefighting services on less than a full-time basis, 129
is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station 130
or other designated location for purposes of responding to a 131
fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal 132
compensation for the provision of firefighting services. 133

(BB) "Physician assistant" means an individual who holds a 134
valid license to practice as a physician assistant issued under 135
Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code. 136

(CC) "Advanced practice registered nurse" has the same 137
meaning as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code. 138

Sec. 4765.11. (A) The state board of emergency medical, 139
fire, and transportation services shall adopt, and may amend and 140
rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 141
Code and ~~division~~divisions (C) and (D) of this section that 142
establish all of the following: 143

(1) Procedures for its governance and the control of its 144
actions and business affairs; 145

(2) Standards for the performance of emergency medical 146
services by first responders, emergency medical technicians- 147
basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency 148
medical technicians-paramedic; 149

(3) Application fees for certificates of accreditation, 150
certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and 151
certificates to practice, which shall be deposited into the 152
trauma and emergency medical services fund created in section 153
4513.263 of the Revised Code; 154

(4) Criteria for determining when the application or 155
renewal fee for a certificate to practice may be waived because 156
an applicant cannot afford to pay the fee; 157

(5) Procedures for issuance and renewal of certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and certificates to practice, including any procedures necessary to ensure that adequate notice of renewal is provided in accordance with division (D) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code;	158 159 160 161 162 163
(6) Procedures for suspending or revoking certificates of accreditation, certificates of approval, certificates to teach, and certificates to practice;	164 165 166
(7) Grounds for suspension or revocation of a certificate to practice issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and for taking any other disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	167 168 169 170
(8) Procedures for taking disciplinary action against a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic;	171 172
(9) Standards for certificates of accreditation and certificates of approval;	173 174
(10) Qualifications for certificates to teach;	175
(11) Requirements for a certificate to practice;	176
(12) The curricula, number of hours of instruction and training, and instructional materials to be used in adult and pediatric emergency medical services training programs and adult and pediatric emergency medical services continuing education programs;	177 178 179 180 181
(13) Procedures for conducting courses in recognizing symptoms of life-threatening allergic reactions and in calculating proper dosage levels and administering injections of epinephrine to adult and pediatric patients who suffer life-	182 183 184 185

threatening allergic reactions;	186
(14) Examinations for certificates to practice;	187
(15) Procedures for administering examinations for certificates to practice;	188 189
(16) Procedures for approving examinations that demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice renewed without completing an emergency medical services continuing education program;	190 191 192 193
(17) Procedures for granting extensions and exemptions of emergency medical services continuing education requirements;	194 195
(18) Procedures for approving <u>Specifications of the</u> additional emergency medical services <u>that</u> first responders are authorized by division (C) of to perform under section 4765.35 of the Revised Code to perform, that EMTs-basic are authorized by division (C) of to perform under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code to perform, that EMTs-I are authorized by division (B) (5) of to perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code to perform, and that paramedics are authorized by division (B) (6) of to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code to perform;	196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205
(19) Standards and procedures for implementing the requirements of section 4765.06 of the Revised Code, including designations of the persons who are required to report information to the board and the types of information to be reported;	206 207 208 209 210
(20) Procedures for administering the emergency medical services grant program established under section 4765.07 of the Revised Code;	211 212 213

(21) Procedures consistent with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for appealing decisions of the board;	214 215
(22) Minimum qualifications and peer review and quality improvement requirements for persons who provide medical direction to emergency medical service personnel;	216 217 218
(23) The manner in which a patient, or a patient's parent, guardian, or custodian, may consent to the board releasing identifying information about the patient under division (D) of section 4765.102 of the Revised Code;	219 220 221 222
(24) Circumstances under which a training program or continuing education program, or portion of either type of program, may be taught by a person who does not hold a certificate to teach issued under section 4765.23 of the Revised Code;	223 224 225 226 227
(25) Certification cycles for certificates issued under sections 4765.23 and 4765.30 of the Revised Code and certificates issued by the executive director of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code that establish a common expiration date for all certificates.	228 229 230 231 232 233
(B) The board may adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and division <u>divisions</u> (C) <u>and (D)</u> of this section that establish <u>any of the</u> following:	234 235 236 237
(1) Specifications of information that may be collected under the trauma system registry and incidence reporting system created under section 4765.06 of the Revised Code;	238 239 240
(2) Standards and procedures for implementing any of the recommendations made by any committees of the board or under	241 242

section 4765.04 of the Revised Code;	243
(3) Requirements that a person must meet to receive a	244
certificate to practice as a first responder pursuant to	245
division (A) (2) of section 4765.30 of the Revised Code;	246
(4) Any other rules necessary to implement this chapter.	247
(C) In developing and administering rules adopted under	248
this chapter, the state board of emergency medical, fire, and	249
transportation services shall consult with regional directors	250
and regional physician advisory boards created by appointed	251
<u>under</u> section 4765.05 of the Revised Code and emphasize the	252
special needs of pediatric and geriatric patients.	253
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, before	254
adopting, amending, or rescinding any rule under this chapter,	255
the board shall submit the proposed rule to the director of	256
public safety for review. The director may review the proposed	257
rule for not more than sixty days after the date it is	258
submitted. If, within this sixty-day period, the director	259
approves the proposed rule or does not notify the board that the	260
rule is disapproved, the board may adopt, amend, or rescind the	261
rule as proposed. If, within this sixty-day period, the director	262
notifies the board that the proposed rule is disapproved, the	263
board shall not adopt, amend, or rescind the rule as proposed	264
unless at least twelve members of the board vote to adopt,	265
amend, or rescind it.	266
This division does not apply to an emergency rule adopted	267
in accordance with section 119.03 of the Revised Code.	268
Sec. 4765.30. (A) (1) The <u>All of the following apply to the</u>	269
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation	270
services shall issue with respect to issuing and renewing	271

<u>certificates to practice:</u>	272
<u>(A) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a</u>	273
first responder to an applicant who meets all of the following	274
conditions:	275
(a) Except as provided in division (A) (2) of this section,	276
is a volunteer for a nonprofit emergency medical service	277
organization or a nonprofit fire department;	278
(b) (1) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion	279
issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	280
(c) (2) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under	281
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	282
(d) (3) Is not in violation of any provision of this	283
chapter or the rules adopted under it;	284
(e) (4) Meets any other certification requirements	285
established in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the	286
Revised Code.	287
(2) The board may waive the requirement to be a volunteer	288
for a nonprofit entity if the applicant meets other requirements	289
established in rules adopted under division (B) (3) of section	290
4765.11 of the Revised Code relative to a person's eligibility	291
to practice as a first responder.	292
(B) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and	293
transportation services shall issue a certificate to practice as	294
an emergency medical technician-basic to an applicant who meets	295
all of the following conditions:	296
(1) Holds a <u>the appropriate</u> certificate of completion in	297
emergency medical services training basic issued in accordance	298
with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	299

(2) Passes the <u>appropriate</u> examination for emergency	300
medical technicians-basic conducted under section 4765.29 of the	301
Revised Code;	302
(3) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter	303
or the rules adopted under it;	304
(4) Meets any other certification requirements established	305
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	306
(C) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and	307
transportation services shall issue a certificate to practice as	308
an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency	309
medical technician-paramedic to an applicant who meets all of	310
the following conditions:	311
(1) Holds a certificate to practice as an emergency	312
medical technician-basic;	313
(2) Holds the appropriate certificate of completion issued	314
in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code;	315
(3) Passes the appropriate examination conducted under	316
section 4765.29 of the Revised Code;	317
(4) Is not in violation of any provision of this chapter	318
or the rules adopted under it;	319
(5) Meets any other certification requirements established	320
in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	321
(D) A certificate to practice shall have a certification	322
cycle established by the board and may be renewed by the board	323
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised	324
Code. Not later than sixty days prior to the expiration date of	325
an individual's certificate to practice, the board shall notify	326
the individual of the scheduled expiration.	327

An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the 328
appropriate renewal fee established in rules adopted under 329
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code, unless the board waives the 330
fee on determining pursuant to those rules that the applicant 331
cannot afford to pay the fee. Except as provided in division (B) 332
of section 4765.31 of the Revised Code, the application shall 333
include evidence of either of the following: 334

(1) That the applicant received a certificate of 335
completion from the appropriate emergency medical services 336
continuing education program pursuant to section 4765.24 of the 337
Revised Code; 338

(2) That the applicant has successfully passed an 339
examination that demonstrates the competence to have a 340
certificate renewed without completing an emergency medical 341
services continuing education program. The board shall approve 342
such examinations in accordance with rules adopted under section 343
4765.11 of the Revised Code. 344

(E) The board shall not require an applicant for renewal 345
of a certificate to practice to take an examination as a 346
condition of renewing the certificate. This division does not 347
preclude the use of examinations by operators of approved 348
emergency medical services continuing education programs as a 349
condition for issuance of a certificate of completion in 350
emergency medical services continuing education. 351

Sec. 4765.35. (A) A first responder may perform any of the 352
emergency medical services specified for first responders in 353
rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code by the 354
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 355
services. A first responder shall perform the emergency medical 356
services ~~described in this section~~ in accordance with this 357

chapter and any rules adopted under it by the board. 358

~~(B) A first responder may provide limited emergency 359
medical services to patients until the arrival of an emergency 360
medical technician basic, emergency medical technician 361
intermediate, or emergency medical technician paramedic. In an 362
emergency, a first responder may render emergency medical 363
services such as opening and maintaining an airway, giving mouth- 364
to barrier ventilation, chest compressions, electrical 365
interventions with automated defibrillators to support or 366
correct the cardiac function and other methods determined by the 367
board, controlling of hemorrhage, manual stabilization of 368
fractures, bandaging, assisting in childbirth, and determining 369
triage of trauma victims. 370~~

~~(C) A first responder may perform any other emergency 371
medical services approved pursuant to rules adopted under 372
section 4765.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine 373
whether the nature of any such service requires that a first 374
responder receive authorization prior to performing the service. 375~~

~~(D) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (B) (2) 376
of this section, if the board determines under division (C) of 377
this section that a service requires prior authorization, the 378
service the emergency medical services provided by a first 379
responder shall be performed only pursuant to one of the 380
following: 381~~

~~(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 382
of the cooperating physician advisory board, or pursuant to an; 383~~

~~(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 384
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 385
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 386~~

physician- 387

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation 388
or the required response time prohibits communication, a first 389
responder may perform services subject to this division, if, in 390
the judgment of the first responder, the life of the patient is 391
in immediate danger. Services performed under these 392
circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the written 393
protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims 394
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 395
of the Revised Code and any; 396~~

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 397
medical service organization with which the first responder is 398
affiliated. 399

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit a 400
first responder from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 401
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 402
nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 403

Sec. 4765.37. (A) An emergency medical technician-basic 404
may perform any of the emergency medical services specified for 405
EMTs-basic in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised 406
Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, and 407
transportation services. An EMT-basic shall perform the 408
emergency medical services described in this section in 409
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 410
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 411
services. 412

~~(B) An emergency medical technician-basic may operate, or 413
be responsible for operation of, an ambulance and may provide 414
emergency medical services to patients. In an emergency, an EMT- 415~~

~~basic may determine the nature and extent of illness or injury 416
and establish priority for required emergency medical services. 417
An EMT basic may render emergency medical services such as 418
opening and maintaining an airway, giving positive pressure 419
ventilation, cardiac resuscitation, electrical interventions 420
with automated defibrillators to support or correct the cardiac 421
function and other methods determined by the board, controlling 422
of hemorrhage, treatment of shock, immobilization of fractures, 423
bandaging, assisting in childbirth, management of mentally 424
disturbed patients, initial care of poison and burn patients, 425
and determining triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims. 426
Where patients must in an emergency be extricated from 427
entrapment, an EMT basic may assess the extent of injury and 428
render all possible emergency medical services and protection to 429
the entrapped patient; provide light rescue services if an 430
ambulance has not been accompanied by a specialized unit; and 431
after extrication, provide additional care in sorting of the 432
injured in accordance with standard emergency procedures. 433~~

~~(C) An EMT basic may perform any other emergency medical 434
services approved pursuant to rules adopted under section 435
4765.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall determine whether 436
the nature of any such service requires that an EMT basic 437
receive authorization prior to performing the service. 438~~

~~(D)(1) (B)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) (B)(2) 439
of this section, if the board determines under division (C) of 440
this section that a service requires prior authorization, the 441
service the emergency medical services provided by an EMT-basic 442
shall be performed only pursuant to one of the following: 443~~

~~(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 444
of the cooperating physician advisory board, or pursuant to an 445~~

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 446
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 447
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 448
physician. 449

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation 450
or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT- 451
basic may perform services subject to this division, if, in the 452
judgment of the EMT basic, the life of the patient is in 453
immediate danger. Services performed under these circumstances 454
shall be performed in accordance with the protocols for triage 455
of adult and pediatric trauma victims established in rules 456
adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40 of the Revised Code 457
and any; 458~~

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 459
medical service organization with which the EMT-basic is 460
affiliated. 461

(2) Division (B)(1) of this section does not prohibit an 462
EMT-basic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued 463
by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse 464
pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 465

Sec. 4765.38. (A) An emergency medical technician- 466
intermediate may perform any of the emergency medical services 467
specified for EMTs-I in rules adopted under section 4765.11 of 468
the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, fire, 469
and transportation services. An EMT-I shall perform the 470
emergency medical services described in this section in 471
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 472
the board. 473

~~(B) An EMT-I may do any of the following: 474~~

~~(1) Establish and maintain an intravenous lifeline that
has been approved by a cooperating physician or physician-
advisory board;~~ 475
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~~(2) Perform cardiac monitoring;~~ 478

~~(3) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct
the cardiac function;~~ 479
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~~(4) Administer epinephrine;~~ 481

~~(5) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma-
victims;~~ 482
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~~(6) Perform any other emergency medical services approved
pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised
Code.~~ 484
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~~(C) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) (B) (2)~~ 487
of this section, the emergency medical services described in 488
~~division (B) of this section provided by an EMT-I shall be~~ 489
performed by an EMT-I only pursuant to one of the following: 490

(a) The written or verbal authorization of a physician or 491
of the cooperating physician advisory board, ~~or pursuant to an;~~ 492

(b) An authorization transmitted through a direct 493
communication device by a physician, physician assistant 494
designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a 495
physician. 496

~~(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation~~ 497
~~or the required response time prohibits communication, an EMT-I~~ 498
~~may perform any of the services described in division (B) of~~ 499
~~this section, if, in the judgment of the EMT-I, the life of the~~ 500
~~patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under these~~ 501
~~circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the~~ 502

~~protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims— 503
established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40— 504
of the Revised Code and any; 505~~

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 506
medical service organization with which the EMT-I is affiliated. 507

~~(D) (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit 508
an EMT-I from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order issued 509
by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse 510
pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 511~~

(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing 512
emergency medical treatment, an ~~emergency medical technician— 513
intermediate EMT-I~~ may withdraw blood as provided under sections 514
1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. An ~~emergency— 515
medical technician intermediate EMT-I~~ shall withdraw blood in 516
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 517
the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation— 518
services. 519~~

Sec. 4765.39. (A) An emergency medical technician- 520
paramedic may perform any of the emergency medical services 521
specified for paramedics in rules adopted under section 4765.11 522
of the Revised Code by the state board of emergency medical, 523
fire, and transportation services. A paramedic shall perform the— 524
emergency medical services described in this section in 525
accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it by 526
the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 527
services. 528

~~(B) A paramedic may do any of the following: 529~~

~~(1) Perform cardiac monitoring; 530~~

~~(2) Perform electrical interventions to support or correct— 531~~

the cardiac function;	532
(3) Perform airway procedures;	533
(4) Perform relief of pneumothorax;	534
(5) Administer appropriate drugs and intravenous fluids;	535
(6) Determine triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims;	536 537
(7) Perform any other emergency medical services, including life support or intensive care techniques, approved pursuant to rules adopted under section 4765.11 of the Revised Code.	538 539 540 541
(C) (1) (B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) (B) (2) of this section, the <u>emergency medical services described in division (B) of this section provided by a paramedic shall be performed by a paramedic only pursuant to one of the following:</u>	542 543 544 545
(a) <u>The</u> written or verbal authorization of a physician or of the cooperating physician advisory board, <u>or pursuant to an</u>;	546 547
(b) <u>An</u> authorization transmitted through a direct communication device by a physician, physician assistant designated by a physician, or registered nurse designated by a physician.	548 549 550 551
(2) If communications fail during an emergency situation or the required response time prohibits communication, a paramedic may perform any of the services described in division (B) of this section, if, in the paramedic's judgment, the life of the patient is in immediate danger. Services performed under these circumstances shall be performed in accordance with the protocols for triage of adult and pediatric trauma victims established in rules adopted under sections 4765.11 and 4765.40	552 553 554 555 556 557 558 559

~~of the Revised Code and any;~~ 560

(c) Any applicable protocols adopted by the emergency 561
medical service organization with which the paramedic is 562
affiliated. 563

~~(D) (2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prohibit~~ 564
a paramedic from complying with a do-not-resuscitate order 565
issued by a physician assistant or advanced practice registered 566
nurse pursuant to section 2133.211 of the Revised Code. 567

(C) In addition to, and in the course of, providing 568
emergency medical treatment, ~~an emergency medical technician-~~ 569
~~paramedic~~ a paramedic may withdraw blood as provided under 570
sections 1547.11, 4506.17, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code. ~~An~~ 571
~~emergency medical technician-paramedic~~ A paramedic shall 572
withdraw blood in accordance with this chapter and any rules 573
adopted under it by the ~~state board of emergency medical, fire,~~ 574
~~and transportation services.~~ 575

Sec. 4765.41. The medical director or cooperating 576
physician advisory board of each emergency medical service 577
organization shall establish written protocols to be followed by 578
first responders, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency 579
medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical 580
technicians-paramedic in performing emergency medical services 581
~~when communications have failed or the required response~~ 582
~~prevents communication and the life of the patient is in~~ 583
~~immediate danger.~~ Those protocols shall be consistent with 584
applicable trauma triage protocols adopted under division (A) or 585
approved under division (B) (2) of section 4765.40 of the Revised 586
Code, but may direct to an adult or pediatric trauma center 587
emergency victims that the applicable trauma triage protocols do 588
not require to be transported to an adult or pediatric trauma 589

center. 590

Sec. 4766.01. As used in this chapter: 591

(A) "Advanced life support" means treatment ~~described in~~ 592
~~section 4765.39 of the Revised Code that a paramedic an~~ 593
emergency medical technician-paramedic is certified authorized 594
to perform under section 4765.39 of the Revised Code. 595

(B) "Air medical service organization" means an 596
organization that furnishes, conducts, maintains, advertises, 597
promotes, or otherwise engages in providing medical services 598
with a rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air ambulance. 599

(C) "Air medical transportation" means the transporting of 600
a patient by rotorcraft air ambulance or fixed wing air 601
ambulance with appropriately licensed and certified medical 602
personnel. 603

(D) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is 604
specifically designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and 605
is intended to be used to provide basic life support, 606
intermediate life support, advanced life support, or mobile 607
intensive care unit services and transportation upon the streets 608
or highways of this state of persons who are seriously ill, 609
injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. 610
"Ambulance" does not include air medical transportation or a 611
vehicle designed and used solely for the transportation of 612
nonstretcher-bound persons, whether hospitalized or handicapped 613
or whether ambulatory or confined to a wheelchair. 614

(E) "Ambulette" means a motor vehicle that is specifically 615
designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended 616
to be used for transportation upon the streets or highways of 617
this state of persons who require use of a wheelchair or other 618

mobility aid. 619

(F) "Basic life support" means treatment ~~described in~~ 620
~~section 4765.37 of the Revised Code~~ that an EMT emergency 621
medical technician-basic is certified-authorized to perform 622
under section 4765.37 of the Revised Code. 623

(G) "Disaster situation" means any condition or situation 624
described by rule of the state board of emergency medical, fire, 625
and transportation services as a mass casualty, major emergency, 626
natural disaster, or national emergency. 627

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means an 628
organization that uses ~~EMTs emergency medical technicians-basic,~~ 629
~~AEMTs emergency medical technicians-intermediate,~~ or ~~paramedics-~~ 630
emergency medical technicians-paramedic, or a combination of 631
~~EMTs EMTs-basic, AEMTs EMTs-I,~~ and paramedics, to provide 632
medical care to victims of illness or injury. An emergency 633
medical service organization includes, but is not limited to, a 634
commercial ambulance service organization, a hospital, and a 635
funeral home. 636

(I) ~~"EMT," "AEMT," "Emergency medical technician-basic,"~~ 637
"EMT-basic," "emergency medical technician-intermediate," "EMT- 638
I," "emergency medical technician-paramedic," and "paramedic" 639
have the same meanings as in ~~sections~~ section 4765.01 and of the 640
Revised Code. Pursuant to section 4765.011 of the Revised Code, 641
an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT-basic is also known 642
as an emergency medical technician or EMT, respectively, and an 643
emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I is also known 644
as an advanced emergency medical technician or AEMT, 645
respectively. 646

(J) "Fixed wing air ambulance" means a fixed wing aircraft 647

that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and 648
equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air medical 649
transportation. 650

(K) "Health care practitioner" has the same meaning as in 651
section 3701.74 of the Revised Code. 652

(L) "Health care services" has the same meaning as in 653
section 3922.01 of the Revised Code. 654

(M) "Intermediate life support" means treatment ~~described~~ 655
~~in section 4765.38 of the Revised Code~~ that an AEMT emergency 656
medical technician-intermediate is ~~certified~~ authorized to 657
perform under section 4765.38 of the Revised Code. 658

(N) "Major emergency" means any emergency event that 659
cannot be resolved through the use of locally available 660
emergency resources. 661

(O) "Mass casualty" means an emergency event that results 662
in ten or more persons being injured, incapacitated, made ill, 663
or killed. 664

(P) "Medical emergency" means an unforeseen event 665
affecting an individual in such a manner that a need for 666
immediate care is created. 667

(Q) "Mobile intensive care unit" means an ambulance used 668
only for maintaining specialized or intensive care treatment and 669
used primarily for interhospital transports of patients whose 670
conditions require care beyond the ~~scope of services~~ a paramedic 671
~~as provided in~~ is authorized to perform under section 4765.39 of 672
the Revised Code. 673

(R) (1) "Nonemergency medical service organization" means a 674
person that does both of the following: 675

(a) Provides services to the public on a regular basis for 676
the purpose of transporting individuals who require the use of a 677
wheelchair or other mobility aid to receive health care services 678
in nonemergency circumstances; 679

(b) Provides the services for a fee, regardless of whether 680
the fee is paid by the person being transported, a third party 681
payer, as defined in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, or any 682
other person or government entity. 683

(2) "Nonemergency medical service organization" does not 684
include a health care facility, as defined in section 1751.01 of 685
the Revised Code, that provides ambulette services only to 686
patients of that facility. 687

(S) "Nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle operated 688
by a licensed emergency medical service organization not as an 689
ambulance, but as a vehicle for providing services in 690
conjunction with the ambulances operated by the organization or 691
other emergency medical service organizations. 692

(T) "Patient" means any individual who as a result of 693
illness or injury needs medical attention, whose physical or 694
mental condition is such that there is imminent danger of loss 695
of life or significant health impairment, or who may be 696
otherwise incapacitated or helpless as a result of a physical or 697
mental condition, or any individual whose physical condition 698
requires the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid. 699

(U) "Rotorcraft air ambulance" means a helicopter or other 700
aircraft capable of vertical takeoffs, vertical landings, and 701
hovering that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified 702
and equipped and is intended to be used as a means of air 703
medical transportation. 704

(V) "Taxicab" means a taxicab vehicle operated by a 705
taxicab service company, provided the company is not a 706
nonemergency medical service organization. 707

(W) "Transportation network company driver" has the same 708
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 709

(X) "Transportation network company services" has the same 710
meaning as in section 3942.01 of the Revised Code. 711

Section 2. That existing sections 4765.01, 4765.11, 712
4765.30, 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, 4765.39, 4765.41, and 713
4766.01 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 714